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- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the report
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

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Box No. 1 Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - ☒ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language English, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
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 - ☐ the description:
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 - ☐ the claims:
 - pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	5 - 26	YES
	Claims	1 - 4	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	None	YES
	Claims	1 - 26	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1 - 26	YES
	Claims	None	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

Reference is made to the following document:

D1 : US 5,214,092 A (Solvay S.A.)

The subject matter of the present invention relates to a PVC(polyvinylchloride)-PCC(precipitated calcium carbonate) nanocomposites resin composition with superior impact strengths and a method for preparing the same, the composition comprising (a) vinylchloride monomer (b) nano-sized calcium carbonate and (c) hydrophobic dispersant. Also, a polymerization initiator can be added.

Document D1, which is considered to represent the most relevant state of the art, discloses the impact resistant compositions based on vinyl chloride polymers and their use for profile extrusion, the compositions comprising : (a) graft copolymer of vinyl chloride with polybutyl acrylate (b) graft copolymer of vinyl chloride with an EVA copolymer (c) unmodified vinyl chloride copolymer (d) calcium carbonate in fatty acid coated particles of average diameter less than 1 µm. Also, It can be added common ingredients such as heat stabilizers and the like.

1. Concerning claims 1-4

The claims 1-4 and D1 are the same in that both inventions relate to impact resistant compositions based on vinyl chloride polymers, comprising nano-sized calcium carbonate such as a reinforcing agent.

Therefore, the subject matter of claims 1-4 does not meet the requirement of PCT Article 33(2) and (3) because it is not novel in respect of the prior art and does not involve an inventive step.

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Box No. V.

2. Concerning claims 5-26

The claims 5-26 and D1 are the same in that both inventions relate to impact resistant compositions based on vinyl chloride polymers and a method for preparing the same.

However, both inventions are slightly different in that D1 does not specify the sorts of the dispersants, and in the method for preparing nanocomposites. So, the novelty of the subject matter claimed can be acknowledged (PCT Article 33(2)).

Here, the dispersants such as a monomer(or polymer)-type compound with phosphoric acid, can be easily interchanged by a person skilled in the art. Also, the method for preparing nanocomposite in the present invention would be obvious to an ordinary skilled person. Therefore claims 5-26 are trivial and not capable of supporting the requirements of inventive step under PCT Article 33(3).

Consequently, claims 5-26 are novel, but not inventive.

Industrial applicability of the claims 1-26 can be acknowledged (PCT Article 33(4)).

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